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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Applications by T-Mobile and AT&T for
consent to merge (WT Docket No. 11-65)**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Our small town of Latta, located in Dillon County, South Carolina, is dedicated to maintaining a high quality of life and providing worthwhile opportunities for our citizens. We support the pending merger of T-Mobile and AT&T because we believe the benefits it produces will be critical for Latta's continued success.

With the rise of smartphones and tablets and the ongoing increase in mobile broadband use, day-to-day life for many Americans involves near-constant Internet connectivity. Residents of Latta don't want to be left out of this phenomenon. Wireless broadband access keeps Latta residents in touch with distant family members, local news, and social networking applications that are now a regular part of many people's daily lives. It allows them to enjoy small-town life while remaining connected to the rest of the world.

Access also gives Latta residents the chance to find and apply for jobs, research educational and training opportunities, and often pursue these opportunities directly through telecommuting or distance learning programs. Education on the K-12 level in particular benefits from broadband access. Students in our school system can go online to research historical figures and works of literature, to communicate with teachers, and to coordinate with classmates – from the classroom and from outside of it as well.

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In short, I recognize the value that AT&T and T-Mobile's improved network could bring Latta. I ask that you, too, consider the results of this merger and give it your full support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Brigman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy Brigman
Mayor, Town of Latta

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